

# LAKE COUNTY

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

# POLICY

Title: Property & Liability Claims  
Settlement

Number: LCC-72

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Approved: 9/19/06

### I. OBJECTIVE

To outline the process of settling property & liability claims.

### II. REFERENCES

Chapter 768.28, Florida Statutes, Waiver of sovereign immunity in tort actions; recovery limits; limitation on attorney fees; statute of limitations; exclusions; indemnification; risk management programs.

### III. DIRECTIVES

The authority granted by this section shall be applicable only to claims arising out of the risks covered by the Property Liability insurance program.

After a claim has been received, the Office of Employee Services will investigate and recommend to the Property & Liability Claims Committee or the Board of County Commissioners when a claim is ready for settlement.

The membership of the Property & Liability Claims Committee is comprised of the Employee Services Director or designee, Risk & Safety Supervisor, Risk Coordinator and County Attorney or designee.

1. **Claims \$10,000 or Less** - The Property & Liability Claims Committee upon deeming it to be in the best interest of the program to settle a property or liability claim shall have the authority to do so for claims with a value not more than \$10,000. The Property & Liability Claims Committee shall accept or give all proper releases on behalf of the County.

2. **Claims Greater Than \$10,000** - The Board of County Commissioners upon deeming it to be in the best interest of the program to settle a liability claim shall have the authority to do so for claims with a

value greater than \$10,000 and less than \$50,000. The Board of County Commissioners shall have the authority to approve the settlement when the sum of the claim does not exceed the liability self-insured retention (SIR) amount of \$50,000, and shall accept or give all proper releases on behalf of the County.

The County Manager shall establish procedures to implement this policy.

#### **IV. RESERVATION OF AUTHORITY**

The authority to issue or revise this Policy is reserved to the Board of County Commissioners.

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Catherine C. Hanson, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners  
Lake County